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WATER CONSERVATION AND FLOOD PREVENTION
WORK CONTINUE IN NORTH CHINA

SOLDIERS ACTIVE IN WATER CONSERVATION -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 17 Apr 50

Peiping, 15 April (Hsin-hua) -- Various garrison troops in Hopeh, Chahar, and Pingyuan provinces are engaged in water conservation projects. These units have contracted with the North China Water Conservation Engineering Bureau and the conservation bureaus of the various provinces to provide 3,385,000 man-days of labor.

The projects are on the Yung-ting Ho, Hai Ho, Luan Ho, Grand Canal, Tzu-ya Ho, and Sang-kan Ho. There are also drainage canals to be dug, as well as irrigation ditches in the above named provinces and in Shansi.

The daily average task for each man is set at 300 cubic feet of earth per day. So far, the daily average has run from 370 to 380 cubic feet. None of the men seem to consider the work arduous or tiring. They all vie to engage in the hardest tasks.

The people have been greatly inspired at seeing how these soldiers work and praise them for being both good fighters and good workers.

TO SURVEY YELLOW RIVER FOR FLOOD PREVENTION -- Nanking Hsin-hua Jih-pao, 2 Apr 50

Sian, 2 April (Hsin-hua) -- The Yellow River Conservation Commission has organized a team of 14 engineers under the direction of Wu I-hsiao (Ueda: 1206, 194, 4315) to make technical surveys of the areas contiguous to the portion of the Yellow River between Lung-men (110, 35) and Ming-ching (112-39, 34-52) to discover suitable locations for storage basins for surplus water.

The party left K'ai-feng on 26 March 1950 and has already reached Hua-yin. Possible sites for retention dams are near Lung-men, San-men-hsia, Pa-li-hu-t'ung and Hsiao-lang. The party estimates that 3 months will be required for the

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surveys. Attention will be first directed to the region of the confluence of the Yellow River and Wei River. The Shensi government has instructed the government authorities in Han-ch'eng, Ta-li, Wei-nan, Hua-yin, and Lin-t'ung to afford every assistance to the work of the surveyors.

YELLOW RIVER DIKE REPAIR FINISHED -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 15 Apr 50

Tsinan, 14 April (Hsin-hua) -- Repair work on the Yellow River dikes during March 1950 was carried on by an average of 80,000 workers each day. The total number of workers mobilized during the month was 1,427,300 of whom 12,600 were famine sufferers. The average daily wage was 4 to 5 chin of grain. During the month, 10,547,000 cubic feet of earth were moved. The merit system was employed and it resulted in improvement of both quality and quantity of work.

TIENTSIN TAKES FLOOD PRECAUTIONS -- Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao, 11 Apr 50

Tientsin -- To protect the city of Tientsin from the recurring menace of high water, preventive and protective measures have been decided upon. Materials are being assembled and active work is to start before the end of April 1950. The dredging of 740,000 cubic meters of silt from the Hsin-k'ai Ho, which was started last fall, is being continued.

The wooden gates controlling drainage and overflow channels and the boat lock which are so decayed as to be inoperable are to be replaced. The bed, banks, and dikes of the numerous rivers in the neighborhood of the city are to be repaired and strengthened, including the brick protective walls that line the channels where they pass through the city.

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